

# LACEY Life

FALL 2015

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

### **OCT 10** Rampage at the RAC

Saturday, Oct. 10, varying wave times beginning at 9 a.m. at the Regional Athletic Complex

### **OCT 21** Senior Center Arts & Crafts Show

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2 - 4 p.m. at Virgil S. Clarkson Senior Center

### **NOV 01** Turn Back the Clock Fun Run

Sunday, Nov. 1, beginning 8 a.m. at Rainier Vista Community Park

### **DEC 03** Lighting of the Christmas Trees

Thursday, Dec. 3, 6:30 p.m. at Huntamer Park in Woodland Square

### **DEC 04** Signing Santa

Friday, Dec. 4, 6:30 - 9 p.m. at Chambers Prairie Elementary

### **DEC 08** South Puget Sound Community Orchestra Holiday Concert

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 7 - 8:15 p.m. at the Lacey Community Center

### **DEC 09** HOA & Neighborhood Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

### **DEC 12** Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, Dec. 12, 9 - 11 a.m. at the Lacey Community Center

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*Shaping our Community Together*

## TRUE SPIRIT OF LACEY SHOWS THROUGH

Two well-deserved Spirit of Lacey Awards were given out earlier this year. North Thurston High School teacher Brady Olson received the award for a courageous act earlier this year, and Lacey Sunrise Lions Club received theirs on account of the club's dedication to exceptional volunteerism in Lacey.

### **An act of selflessness**

On April 27, 2015, as students were about to start their day, many of them were gathered in the commons area of North Thurston High School visiting with friends. Teacher Brady Olson was standing in the area of the commons when he heard a loud noise. Not yet realizing the noise was gunfire, Mr. Olson moved toward the sound to investigate the source of the loud noise. He reached the staircase and encountered a student holding a weapon which was pointed at the ceiling. Mr. Olson was near the teen when the second shot rang out and reacted by tackling the student to the ground. Mr. Olson held the student on the floor until Lacey Police Officer Ed McClanahan and Principal Steve Rood assisted in securing the gun and handcuffing the student.

### **Dedication spanning over two dozen years**

During patriotic holidays, Lacey



Mayor Ryder presents Spirit of Lacey Award to Brady Olson

Sunrise Lions Club places American flags on Lacey street posts, and has done so since 1987. This service project not only reflects Lacey's special connection to the military community, but it also demonstrates the dedicated volunteerism of the Lacey Sunrise Lions members. For 28 years, the Lions Club has never faltered in their dedication to provide this unique service for the Lacey community.

The Spirit of Lacey Award was adopted by the Lacey City Council in 2011 in order to recognize exceptional contributions to the community. Individuals, businesses, and organizations are eligible to receive the award.

Nominations can be made by submitting a nomination form in writing at any time to the City Council Community Relations Committee, 420 College Street, Lacey, WA, 98503, or via email to [council@ci.lacey.wa.us](mailto:council@ci.lacey.wa.us).

## PARKS & RECREATION 2015 FALL QUARTER REGISTRATION



*Fall Quarter 2015 registration is currently underway.*

*Visit [www.ci.lacey.wa.us](http://www.ci.lacey.wa.us) to see available classes and events ... and to sign up!*

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## BUYING LOCAL: WHAT DOES THAT ACTUALLY MEAN?

You see the signs: Buy Local! But what does that mean? Does that mean shop in Lacey? Does that mean shop at locally-owned independent businesses? ...And in Lacey? Yes, yes, and yes.

### But why does it matter?

When you shop in Lacey, the money you're spending is paying the wages of your neighbors that work at that business. Some of the money is going to cover the cost of the building that the business occupies. A small portion of the sales tax you're paying will go to the City of Lacey to provide Police protection and other essential public services. Another small portion of the sales tax will go to Thurston County to cover some of the services that they provide. This is true for ANY business in Lacey, whether it's owned by a large national retailer, is franchised, or is independently owned.

If the business *is* independently owned, far more of the money you spend will be recirculated in the local economy. Besides employee wages, the amount you spend will also support the wages of everyone associated with the business. The owner's profits will stay in the community. Chances are the business owner will be purchasing more goods and services locally, so those dollars will stay here too. According to estimates by the American Independent Business Alliance, just under 14 percent of the money spent at chain stores is recirculated in the local economy, mostly in the form of wages to the local employees. For locally-owned independent businesses, that amount increases to 48 percent. For restaurants, the numbers are even

higher. According to a 2012 study conducted by the firm Civic

Economics, about 30 percent of the money spent in large nationwide restaurants stays in the local community. For locally-owned independent restaurants, that figure increases to 79 percent.

Shopping local, and at locally-owned independent businesses, enriches a community several ways. Besides the mentioned economic impact, shopping local ensures that communities have the shopping and service amenities that people want and expect in a community where they choose to live. Plus, independent businesses and unique shops and restaurants help to give a community its individual character, setting it apart from other cities that may have a similar collection of national retailers.

Lacey is fortunate to have a good mix of large national retailers and restaurants in our market, as well as independent businesses. In the spring of 2015, Lacey received a huge response by citizens to a retail preference survey. While dozens of national chains of retail stores and restaurants were identified as being desired, there were significant numbers of respondents that wanted more locally-owned stores and restaurants. Recurring themes were "local," "independent," and with respect to ethnic restaurants, "authentic."

### So what does all this mean to you?

There are times when what you need to buy may not be available in Lacey, so of course you'll buy it elsewhere. But when you need to buy goods that are available here *and* elsewhere, please consider buying them where your purchase will have the most impact. And when you get a chance, check out some of our locally-owned independent businesses — especially the restaurants. You may find a new favorite.

## UPCOMING BUDGET DATES

The public is welcome to learn about and weigh in on Lacey's proposed budget for 2016. Public meeting dates are below and will be held at Lacey City Hall, 420 College Street SE, in the Council Chambers. Any changes to dates will be updated on the city's website at [www.ci.lacey.wa.us](http://www.ci.lacey.wa.us).

### KEY BUDGET DATES

Thursdays, 7 p.m.

- Oct. 22:** Council budget briefing
- Nov. 12:** Public Hearing #1, revenue sources
- Nov. 19:** Public Hearing #2, overview of budget
- Nov. 19:** Council to adopt property tax ordinance
- Dec. 17:** Budget adoption

## ARE YOU PREPARED?

*Are you prepared in the event of a major earthquake or other natural disasters? In such situations, it could take three or more days for local and outside help to reach you.*

*Below is a check-list of measures that you can take to become more prepared.*

- Store at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable food and water
- Secure large furniture and appliances to the wall
- Learn how to turn off gas, water, and electric utilities at the meter
- Put ABC-type fire extinguishers and battery-operated smoke/carbon monoxide detectors throughout your home
- Identify safe locations in your home and work to seek cover in the event of an earthquake
- Identify at least two escape routes from each room in the event of a fire
- Designate two locations—one just outside of your home and one outside of your neighborhood—for household members to meet in the event you need to evacuate
- Enroll in a first aid/CPR class

## 2015 SUMMER'S END CAR SHOW WINNERS



*Congratulations to Ray & Ann Kimbel of Shelton, WA for winning Favorite in Show at the 2015 Summer's End at Lacey Car Show. The car is a 1958 Ford Edsel Convertible Citation. There were nearly 300 entries, with 50 Favorite in Class Awards given out this year. Next year's show is already scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 2016 at Huntamer Park.*



## VOLUNTEERS HELP BUILD NEIGHBORHOOD PLAYGROUND

Thirty-eight volunteers joined Lacey staff in mid-September to help install new play equipment at Homann Park. Because of the knowledge and skills of the group, the structure went up in record time. The volunteers were made up from various community groups, including Lacey Rotary Club, Gateway Rotary Club, Carpenter's Union Local 129, and representatives from JBLM's 1-2 SBCT, (Lacey's adopted unit) and the 1-14 CAV.

After the playground was assembled, a crane was used to lift the roof onto the

top of the structure. Then, volunteers from Circle K Club at Saint Martin's University spread the engineered wood fiber under the play equipment to finish the project off.

Neighborhood children were anxiously circling the new play equipment, waiting for the volunteers to finish. In all, 163.75 volunteer hours were donated to this project. For those who would like to see — or play on — the new playground, Homann Park is located at 1301 Carpenter Road SE.

## SPSCC OPENS NEW CAMPUS IN LACEY, INVITES PUBLIC TO OPEN HOUSE

South Puget Sound Community College just opened its doors at a new location in the heart of Lacey. An estimated 11,000 students are expected to use the campus annually for credit classes, training, and special activities.

The college, located at 4220 Sixth Avenue across from the Lacey Transit Center, will house the college's Center for Corporate and Continuing Education, along with a mix of computer labs, general classroom space, and a large conference/meeting space. It will also house the new Center for Business and Innovation (CBI), which is a partnership between SPSCC and the Economic Development Council of Thurston County. The CBI is designed to be a hub of innovation



and entrepreneurship and strengthen connections between the college and the business community.

If you're interested in seeing the new campus in person, SPSCC will be hosting a Public Open House at this new location on Saturday, October 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Attendees will have the opportunity to take self-guided tours and learn about the new building and its features.

SPSCC's Lacey Campus is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



## RAKE-A-DRAIN: HELP KEEP STORM DRAINS FREE OF DEBRIS

*Storm drains play a crucial part in moving stormwater out of neighborhoods. When leaves, needles, branches, and other debris fall into the road, they can get swept up by rain or melting snow and clog these drains, which can lead to localized flooding.*

*Road crews work hard to keep the streets clean and clear, however individuals can play a huge part in keeping them clear by simply grabbing a rake, sturdy broom, or shovel to remove the debris when it is safe to do so. Discarded leaves and organic matter can be composted and non-organic debris can be put in the garbage.*

*If a neighborhood road is already flooded, look for "Dump No Waste – Drains to Waterways" markers that are attached to most curbs. These markers are intended to remind people that only rain should go down the drain, but are also a good way to locate a submerged grate that needs to be unclogged.*

*Keeping local storm drains clear of leaves and other debris is the best way to protect property and nearby stormwater retention ponds.*

*For more information about stormwater, please visit [www.ci.lacey.wa.us/stormwater-education](http://www.ci.lacey.wa.us/stormwater-education).*

## STREAM TEAM INVITES YOU TO LEARN AND TAKE ACTION

Stream Team began in 1990 and has grown to provide free workshops, host volunteer events, and build lasting partnerships that educate, protect, and restore our water resources. Modeled after a program in Bellevue, Stream Team is funded and jointly managed by the stormwater utilities of Thurston County and the Cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater. The programs offered through Stream Team help the cities involved meet their requirements for the Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit, which is a requirement of the federal Clean Water Act.

Stream Team involves the community in the protection and enhancement of our local water resources through education and action. Participants learn about water quality through field classes and trainings, then have the opportunity to give back to the community through action projects, all of which are free to the public. Annually, Stream Team volunteers contribute over 2,500 hours of service to improving local streams.

Opportunities vary with season, but invasive species removal occurs year-round at multiple locations throughout Thurston County. Workshops are also held throughout the year, the topics changing with the seasons.

To keep up with current offerings, you can create a profile on Stream Team's website, [www.streamteam.info](http://www.streamteam.info), by clicking "Join Streamteam!" at the top of the home page and signing up for bi-monthly emails and/or our



quarterly newsletters. The emails are great reminders of upcoming events, and the newsletters are our way of imparting knowledge of the Puget Sound Ecosystem to you. Participants are encouraged to sign up for events using the online registration system on the Stream Team website ([Streamteam.info/getinvolved/calendar](http://Streamteam.info/getinvolved/calendar)).

Questions about specific events can be directed to the event organizer (listed online at the bottom of the event information) or by contacting Stream Team at [info@streamteam.info](mailto:info@streamteam.info) or (360)438-2672.

## UPCOMING STREAM TEAM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Join Stream Team as they continue the revegetation of Woodland Creek at Woodland Creek Community Park, Saturday November 14th, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, rain or shine!

Register online at [www.streamteam.info](http://www.streamteam.info). Contact [kbenedic@ci.lacey.wa.us](mailto:kbenedic@ci.lacey.wa.us) or (360) 438-2687 for questions. The group will be weeding around plants, laying mulch, and removing invasive weeds. Wear sturdy shoes and protective clothing. Water and light snacks will be provided.



## LACEY DEPARTMENTS: PHONE DIRECTORY

### LACEY CITY HALL

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## SERVICES IN LACEY: PHONE DIRECTORY

### ANIMAL SERVICES (360) 352-2510

### COMMUNITY CENTER (360) 412-3191

### INTERCITY TRANSIT (360) 786-8585

### LACEY LIBRARY (360) 491-3860

### LACEY MUSEUM (360) 438-0209

### LACEY VETERANS SERVICES OFFICE WWW.CI.LACEY.WA.US/VETERANS

### VIRGIL S. CLARKSON SENIOR CENTER (360) 407-3967



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## THE CITY OF LACEY CARES!

We want to hear from you. Please send us any comments or suggestions on how we can better serve you and our community.

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Drop-off or mail to City of Lacey, 420 College Street SE, Lacey, WA 98503  
or email comments to [publicaffairs@ci.lacey.wa.us](mailto:publicaffairs@ci.lacey.wa.us)

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## LACEY SENIOR CENTER TO HOST ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

The public is invited to the Arts & Crafts Show at the Virgil S. Clarkson Senior Center on Wednesday, October 21. From 2 to 4 p.m., enjoy the work of talented center members and start your holiday shopping

early! A variety of handmade goods will be on display and for sale. The event is FREE and open to the public! The center is located at 6757 Pacific Ave SE in Lacey. For more information, call (360) 407-3967.

**2015 ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW**

WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER  
21<sup>ST</sup>

LACEY SENIOR CENTER  
6757 PACIFIC AVE SE  
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2-4 PM  
FREE & OPEN TO  
THE PUBLIC

ARTS & CRAFTS • HANDMADE GOODS • UP-CYCLED GOODS

## RAMPAGE AT THE RAC RETURNS, REGISTER TODAY!



Lacey's 5k obstacle run for people who know how to have fun is coming up! This year's Rampage will be on Saturday, October 10, with a fee of \$35 per person. To register for this event, call Lacey Parks and Recreation at (360) 491-0857. More information can also be found online at [www.ci.lacey.wa.us/rampage](http://www.ci.lacey.wa.us/rampage).